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LISTING OF CLAIMS

Claims 1-14 are pending in this application. The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings.

1. (Previously Presented) An original pressing apparatus comprising:

an original pressing plate;

a hinge unit having a first end supported rotatably with respect to said original pressing plate by a first axis and a second end rotatably supported with respect to an external device by a second axis which is parallel with said first axis; and

a press-fixing unit adapted to prevent rotation between said hinge unit and said original pressing plate by pressing said original pressing plate and said hinge unit into contact in an axial direction parallel with said first and second axes, wherein said press-fixing unit is capable of releasing a press-contact state.

2. (Previously Presented) The original pressing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said press-fixing unit has:

a biasing member, having elasticity, integrally formed with said original pressing plate, adapted to push said hinge unit in the axial direction of an axis rotatably supporting said hinge unit; and

a receive member integrally formed with said hinge unit.

3. (Previously Presented) The original pressing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said press-fixing unit has:

a biasing member, having elasticity, integrally formed with said hinge unit, adapted to push said original pressing plate in the axial direction of an axis rotatably supporting said original pressing plate; and

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a receive member integrally formed with said original pressing plate.

4. (Previously Presented) The original pressing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said press-fixing unit has an elastic member to apply a biasing force to said original pressing plate and said hinge unit in the axial direction.

5. (Original) The original pressing apparatus according to claim 4, wherein said elastic member further applies the biasing force in a direction to bring said original pressing plate and said hinge unit to be integral with other.

6. (Original) The original pressing apparatus according to claim 5, wherein said elastic member is a screw coil spring.

7. (Previously Presented) The original pressing apparatus according to claim 5, further comprising a conversion unit adapted to convert the biasing force to bring said original pressing plate and said hinge unit to be integral with each other into the biasing force in the axial direction.

8. (Original) The original pressing apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said conversion unit has:

a concave portion formed in said hinge unit; and

a convex portion integrally formed with said original pressing plate, engageable with said concave portion and releasable from engagement with said concave portion, having a projection-shaped end on the side to come into contact with said concave portion,

and wherein said conversion unit performs conversion by contact between said projection-shaped end and said concave portion and thrust of said projection-shaped end on said concave portion.

9. (Canceled)

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10. (Currently Amended) The original pressing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said original pressing plate has a limitation member to limit rotation with respect to said hinge ~~member unit~~, and said limitation member ~~is projected in an opposite direction to a portion of~~ is coupled to said original pressing plate ~~to press an original with respect at a position adjacent~~ to the first end of said hinge unit.

11. (Original) An original reading apparatus having:
the original pressing apparatus in claim 1; and
a reading unit adapted to read an original pressed by said original pressing apparatus.

12. (Original) A copying apparatus having:
the original pressing apparatus in claim 1; and
a copying unit adapted to copy an original pressed by said original pressing apparatus.

13. (Original) A facsimile apparatus having:
the original pressing apparatus in claim 1;
a reading unit adapted to read an original pressed by said original pressing apparatus; and
a communication unit.

14. (Original) A complex apparatus having:
the original pressing apparatus in claim 1;
a reading unit adapted to read an original pressed by said original pressing apparatus;
a printing unit; and
a communication unit.